

Introduced by Senator Cogdill

February 20, 2007

An act to add Section 66745 to the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 347, as introduced, Cogdill. Public postsecondary education: reimbursement of community college enrollment fees.

Existing law, the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth, among other things, the missions and functions of California's public and independent segments of higher education, and their respective institutions of higher education. The California Community Colleges, the University of California, and the California State University constitute the 3 public segments of higher education in California.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law authorizes the establishment of community college districts under the administration of community college district governing boards, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at community college campuses throughout the state. The community college district governing boards are required to charge each student a specified enrollment fee.

This bill would establish the Community College Enrollment Fee Reimbursement Program. Under the program, the California State University would, and the University of California would be requested to, reimburse a graduate of its segment for the amount that he or she paid for enrollment fees for up to 70 semester units, or the equivalent number of quarter units, at any campus, or combination of campuses, of the California Community Colleges if that person earns at least 60,

but no more than 72, semester units, or the equivalent number of quarter units, at any campus, or combination of campuses, of the California Community Colleges, that person earns a bachelor's degree at any campus of the University of California or the California State University within 7 years of the date that person first enrolled at a campus of the California Community Colleges, and that person first enrolled at a campus of the California Community Colleges no earlier than July 1, 2008, and no later than June 30, 2013.

The bill would require the Trustees of the California State University, and request the Regents of the University of California, to design and implement an eligibility determination and payment system for this purpose for graduates of their respective segments, utilizing data provided by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges. The bill would authorize the trustees, regents, and the board of governors to develop and adopt regulations that they deem necessary for the implementation of the bill.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 66745 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 66745. (a) The Community College Enrollment Fee
4 Reimbursement Program is hereby established.
5 (b) The California State University shall, and the University of
6 California is requested to, reimburse a graduate of its segment for
7 the amount that he or she paid for enrollment fees for up to 70
8 semester units, or the equivalent number of quarter units that he
9 or she earned, at any campus, or combination of campuses, of the
10 California Community Colleges if that person meets all of the
11 following conditions:
12 (1) The person earned at least 60, but no more than 72, semester
13 units, or the respective equivalents of quarter units, at any campus,
14 or combination of campuses, of the California Community
15 Colleges.
16 (2) The person earned a bachelor's degree at any campus of the
17 University of California or the California State University within
18 seven years of the date that person first enrolled at a campus of
19 the California Community Colleges.

1 (3) The person first enrolled at a campus of the California
2 Community Colleges no earlier than July 1, 2008, and no later
3 than June 30, 2013.

4 (c) The Trustees of the California State University shall, and
5 the Regents of the University of California are requested to, design
6 and implement an eligibility determination and payment system
7 for graduates of their respective segments for the purposes of this
8 section, utilizing data provided by the Chancellor of the California
9 Community Colleges. The trustees, regents, and the Board of
10 Governors of the California Community Colleges may develop
11 and adopt regulations that they deem necessary for the
12 implementation of this section.

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